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RECREATIONAL USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES PUBLIC COMMENTS

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General Comments

Barry County

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Subject Comments regarding proposed exemptions to state water
quality standards regulating bacteria as noted in Barry
County Advertiser, pg B-7 dated July 9, 2008

1. In the third paragraph, of above article, it seems that a big question mark exists because the term '**other facilities**' lacks definition. Is something being hidden???...
2. How much of the above unidentified bacteria laden water is being released? Another, and greater, concern is how much more untreated water will find its way into the above water-ways if exemption takes place?
3. This appears to be a non-factual approach to dodge doing what is right. If the small streams are allowed to run without regard to their cleanliness, then how will the larger ones they flow into ever have a chance of maintaining the quality of water we expect in the lakes within the watershed?
4. Without citing the health hazards listed, it seems logical to take the steps that are known, available and required to be implemented by those charged with the responsibility to protect the public in these matters.
5. Re #4 above, have there been any studies of medical facilities in MO regarding illnesses as noted?
6. Has consideration been gives relative to health care and its costs i.e., pain and suffering plus expense?
7. It seems prevention is the proper course of action and will be less costly in the long run...

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TO: CLEAN WATER COMMISSION OF MISSOURI

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JUL 23 2008
WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

RE: COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED EXEMPTIONS
TO STATE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS
REGULATING BACTERIA AS NOTED IN
BARRY CTY ADVERTISER Pg B-7 DATED
JULY 9, 2008.

1. IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH, OF ABOVE ARTICLE, (2 COPIES ENCLOSED) IT SEEMS THAT A BIG QUESTION MARK EXISTS BECAUSE THE TERM 'OTHER FACILITIES' LACKS DEFINITION. IS SOMETHING BEING HIDDEN?
2. HOW MUCH OF THE ABOVE UNIDENTIFIED BACTERIA LADEN WATER IS BEING RELEASED? ANOTHER AND GREATER CONCERN IS HOW MUCH MORE UNTREATED WATER WILL FIND ITS WAY INTO THE ABOVE WATERWAYS IF EXEMPTION TAKES PLACE?

3. THIS APPEARS TO BE A NON-FACTUAL APPROACH TO DODGE DOING WHAT IS RIGHT. IF THE SMALL STREAMS ARE ALLOWED TO RUN WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR CLEANLINESS, THEN HOW WILL THE LARGER ONES THEY FLOW INTO EVER HAVE A CHANCE OF MAINTAINING THE QUALITY OF WATER WE EXPECT IN THE LAKES WITHIN THE WATERSHED?
4. WITHOUT CITING THE HEALTH HAZARDS LISTED, IT SEEMS LOGICAL TO TAKE THE STEPS THAT ARE KNOWN, AVAILABLE AND REQUIRED TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THOSE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC IN THESE MATTERS.
5. RE # 4 ABOVE, HAVE THERE BEEN ANY STUDIES OF MEDICAL FACILITIES IN MO REGARDING ILLNESSES AS NOTED?
6. HAS CONSIDERATION BEEN GIVEN RELATIVE TO HEALTH CARE AND ITS COSTS I.E., PAIN AND SUFFERING PLUS EXPENSE?
7. IT SEEMS PREVENTION IS THE PROPER COURSE OF ACTION AND WILL BE LESS COSTLY IN THE LONG RUN.

John W. Clinton

Water quality exemptions possible for three Barry County streams

Three streams in Barry County won't be subject to state bacteria standards if exemptions for them are approved by the Missouri Clean Water Commission.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has recently included Little Flat Creek, a few miles northeast of Purdy, South Fork Capps Creek, southwest of Monett and Carney Creek, seven miles southwest of Crane, on a list of water bodies recommended for exemption from protections.

If the streams are exempted, sewer agencies and other facilities will be allowed to continue to release bacteria-laden water into them. The Clean Water Commission will be accepting public comments on the proposed stream exemptions until July

21.

Anyone using the above streams for swimming or other activities where they could get water in their eyes, ears or mouth, full water-quality protections must be put into place. With full clean water protections, sewer agencies will be required to disinfect the wastewater they discharge.

Comments should include the details of how, when and where the streams are used. Comments should include information on other uses, including wading, boating or fishing, since these activities also expose people to viruses and bacteria and should require at least some level of protection.

Sewage that has not been disinfected may contain viruses, parasites and other pathogens that can make peo-

ple sick with ear infections, typhoid fever, hepatitis, gastroenteritis, dysentery and other illnesses. Pathogens such as fecal coliform and E. coli bacteria are indicators of poor water quality and contamination with human waste. Waters with elevated levels of these pathogens are unsafe for swimming or for children to play in.

Additional comments on these streams and an online survey comment form are available at the DNR's web site at www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/wqstandards/uaa/uaa_county.htm and clicking on Barry County. Comments on any of these streams may also be mailed to UAA Coordinator, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or e-mailed to john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov.



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Subject Water quality exemptions

There should be no further allowences for exemptions to water quality standards for anywhere in the state of Missouri. I, among many, are outraged at the continuing pollution of our streams, creeks, rivers, and ground water by factory farms. DNR just gave Georges Poultry Processing carte blanc to further pollute the stream that runs through my property, and this after I informed DNR that my well is only a few hundred feet from this stream and has tested positive for pollution. Barry county is the poultry cesspool of the state and DNR turns a blind eye to the fact even though the facts of the pollution are glaringly obvious. There is no oversite or inspection of many of the CAFO's in this part of Barry county because many of them did not require permits. The fact that the overall concentration of them exceeds any standards set for water protection is ignored.

So consider this a scream of outrage at the idea that any more pollution will be allowed in any stream.

Kathy Casey

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